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Major Tonnage Traveling Through...

Machine Press Movement TONIGHT to Bartow County

WHAT: A 385,000 pound machine press load entered Georgia via Interstate 20 westbound on Thursday and will begin a tactical route to White, Ga. at **8 p.m. Monday, July 27**. The 200-foot long, 18-foot wide and 14-foot tall rig configuration belongs to Guy M. Turner. Its planned movement was approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

During this time and along the East Central Georgia route, traffic will be slow or even stopped at some points due to the excessive size of the equipment. Two Georgia State Patrol officers with blue lights and marked cars will be accompanying the carrier to pace and/or stop traffic, when so warranted by the traffic control. The mega load will also feature moving message boards warning of traffic interruptions at key bridges and/or intersections. Normal travel speed is 45 mph but slows to 5 mph when crossing certain bridge structures mentioned below.

ROUTE: This mega load will travel this route due to the size and weight of the machine press, as to avoid all bridge, utilities and traffic signal clearance issues. As scheduled, the carrier will proceed from the Columbia County Scales the evening of July 27. Then the carrier will continue down I-20 westbound until encountering seven restricted bridges. Narrow bridge locations as identified require the escorts to restrict the passing of other vehicles while the permit vehicle is crossing. These locations include: Oconee River Overflow (Morgan); CR 214 North Sugar Creek (Morgan); Big Indian Creek (Morgan); Alcovy River (Newton); CSX Railroad (Newton); Old Atlanta Highway (Newton); and crossing at I-20 ramp to State Route 12 (Newton) continuing on I-20 to I-75 north in Atlanta to exit 269, Barrett Parkway. Then using local roads and entering I-75 north at State Route 113 up to State Route 20, exit 290 to State Route 61 to Voestalpine Drive.

WHEN: The carrier will leave the Columbia Scales off I-20 westbound around 8 p.m. Monday, July 27. The final destination is Voestalpine Drive in Bartow County.

CAUTION: Motorists should exercise extreme caution in its vicinity and follow instructions from the law enforcement escorts.

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